

CURRENCY BILL TO SUIT WILSON

Rejection of Pujo Plan
Shows Him in Control
of Committee.

LIVELY FIGHT AHEAD

Leaders, However, Think
Bill Will Pass Caucus
on August 11.

INSURGENTS ARE ROUTED

Every One of Their Hobbies
Turned Down, and Adminis-
tration Is Elated.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—By a vote of 9 to 5 the Democrats of the House Committee on Banking and Currency rejected today the proposed Pujo committee amendment to the Administration banking bill prohibiting a member of the board of a national bank from serving in a like capacity on the board of any other financial institution. The vote on this proposition and others taken in the course of the day show that the Administration forces control the committee by a safe majority.

Work on the Administration bill was concluded in committee today. The bill will come up for discussion in a Democratic caucus to be held on August 11. Administration leaders are in a happy frame of mind over the outcome. A week ago the committee appeared to be hopelessly divided, and fear was expressed that the Administration might be forced to abandon the plan to put through a banking reform bill at this time.

While no vote was taken on the bill as a whole in committee today, noises have been counted and the Administration is confident of eleven of the fourteen committee members. It is expected the bill will pass by a lively fight in caucus, but Underwood has given assurances that the bill will emerge unchallenged.

LOSE ALL ALONG THE LINE.

The insurgents lost all along the line. Every one of their hobbies was kicked out of the committee room door. The Bagley-Henry amendments, which provided among other things that currency should be issued on cotton, corn and wheat held in warehouses, were dropped without even a division being called for. It was plain that a majority opposed these radical suggestions.

Although the insurgents have been given up the fight, in addition to the report to be made in behalf of the majority, reports will be submitted by them to the caucus.

The Administration is so pleased with the banking and currency situation in the House that it already is taking steps to prepare the way for the bill in the Senate. Senator Owen of Oklahoma, chairman of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, has announced that in his opinion the upper house will pass the Administration bill.

A number of important changes in the Administration bill made in the last week have given out to-night. Nearly all the bankers who expressed themselves on the subject and many members of Congress made objection to sub-section B of section 12, which authorized the Federal reserve board to require or permit a Federal reserve bank to redeem the paper of any other Federal reserve bank.

That the Federal reserve board may permit the Federal reserve bank to redeem the paper of any other Federal reserve bank is a provision which has been the subject of much discussion. The exercise of this redeeming power by the Federal reserve board shall be subject to the approval of the Federal reserve board of not less than 100 percent of the board, and the higher the rate prevailing in the districts immediately affected.

Section 21, relating to reserves, also was amended. As the bill was reported it required all banks in reserve cities to maintain a reserve of twenty-six months of the earnings of the bank, and the reserve of 25 per cent. of their outstanding deposits. The amendment adopted releases the reserves of these banks at the end of sixty days. The effect of this change is to give these banks immediate cash reserves with which to make subscriptions to capital stock in the new Federal reserve banks.

Section 7 of the bill, providing for the disposal of the earnings of Federal reserve banks, was changed in important particulars. This section as introduced provided that the shareholders should receive an annual dividend of 5 per cent. of the net earnings of the bank, and the balance of the net earnings should be paid into a surplus fund after dividend claims had been paid until the fund amounted to 20 per cent. of the paid in capital of the bank. The remaining one-half was to be paid to the United States.

Dividend Not Disturbed.

The 5 per cent dividend to be paid to shareholders is not disturbed by the amendment. However, it is provided that 60 per cent. of the net earnings of the bank should be paid to the Government, and 40 per cent. to the shareholders.

Chairman Pujo also gave out the text of the important amendment creating an advisory board to the Federal reserve board. This amendment reads as follows: "There is hereby created a Federal advisory council which shall consist of as many members as there are Federal re-

KEPT 8 WEEKS UNDERGROUND.

Mystery of German Girl's Disappearance and Death Solved.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. BERLIN, Aug. 1.—The mystery of the disappearance of Elsie Blume, a beautiful six-year-old girl of Einbeck, Hanover, was solved to-day when the police arrested a man named Wolters, who is 52 years of age. The girl's body was found two weeks ago in a subterranean passage under a building once used as a nursery, with indications that she had been ill and starved for weeks. Wolters purchased the building and built cottages on the property, one of which the girl's father, a carpenter, lived with his family.

Elsie Blume disappeared on April 1. Many of the subterranean passages were opened by the police in their search for the child, but the search was futile until two weeks ago, when the body was discovered. A post mortem examination showed that the child had lived for eight weeks after her disappearance, was starved and killed by strangulation.

In looking for clues to the perpetrator of the crime the police were mystified until they discovered that the subterranean passage where the body was found was closed by a freshly built wall. Traces of foot were found near it, and the police demolished the wall. They found a continuation of the passage which led directly to the kitchen of the cottage occupied by Wolters.

Wolters admitted his guilt, but later repudiated the confession.

GERMAN WAR SECRETS SOLD TO OTHER FIRMS

Berlin Manager of Krupp's Intimates His Company Got the Monopoly.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. BERLIN, Aug. 1.—Max Brandt, the Berlin manager for the Krupp armament manufacturers, was called to the stand to-day when the trial of the army officers accused of betraying military secrets was resumed before the Berlin military court. Brandt, who is the son of the late Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the socialist leader, and the Reichstag led to the scandal, obtained secret reports leading to the revelations from Herr von Metzner, formerly manager of the Krupp office in Berlin, who left the employ of the firm in 1912.

When asked whether other armament firms were accustomed to secure information regarding the Government's armament plans by "underground methods," Brandt said: "I could answer this, but I would rather not. I don't want to make the scandal any bigger. I know the firms were receiving full information formerly and the Krupp were not and consequently the Krupp did not get any business."

Brandt acknowledged that he had given the accused officers dinners and suppers, lent them money and made presents now and then of 100 marks to the men. He professed that he did not do so in the expectation of receiving favors from them, but because of his "terribly generous nature." He said he worked, as he did, on the theory that the better the Krupp were informed the better it was for the army.

The Krupp's agent declared that his income, including a \$250 Christmas gratuity, was \$1,925 annually, in addition to which he had \$750 a year for "representation." Von Metzner, he said, had \$7,750 a year "representation" money.

The Kaiser, who is on his yachting cruise in Norwegian waters, is receiving a daily wireless report of the proceedings.

WANTS TO END NOISE NEAR SICK.

Sheriff Harburger Offers to Appoint Special Deputies at Hospitals.

Sheriff Harburger wrote yesterday to Mrs. Isaac L. Rice, president of the Society for the Suppression of Unnecessary Noises, offering to appoint special deputy sheriffs in all the hospitals of New York City in the enforcement of the laws prohibiting noise in the vicinity of hospitals. In her letter to the Sheriff Mrs. Rice said:

"In the name of the patients confined in the institutions of the city of New York I most earnestly beg you to inform me whether you can come to their relief. The sick undoubtedly have claims upon the compassion of every set. Mr. Sheriff, it is surprising to note the indifference to suffering manifested by most of those who pass by our hospitals, utterly disregarding the quiet zone signs which the Board of Aldermen at our request ordered to be erected around all our institutions. Automobile horns and sirens that stridently shriek at all hours of the night perhaps cause more suffering than any other factor."

Mrs. Rice wrote that the Police Commissioner believes his force is too small for him to assign men to hospital posts, while the Health Commissioner, with only fifty men, has an inadequate force.

WHITE WING'S HALF HOLIDAY.

Commissioner Edwards Makes Experiment at Request of Mayor.

By request of Mayor Gaynor Street Cleaning Commissioner Edwards will try to-day the experiment of a half holiday for the men of his department. If it is a success the plan will be continued through the month.

In a general order issued yesterday Commissioner Edwards says that he is "as anxious as any one to see men have vacations," but that it "has seemed absolutely necessary that the work of this department should go on without any deviation day in and day out."

"Cleaning city streets and taking care of the rubbish, ashes, street refuse, etc., is the most important from a sanitary standpoint."

JERSEY WIDOWS GET PENSIONS.

Woman With Six Children Wins Largest Allowance, \$50 a Month.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 1.—About a score of women of various ages and nationalities applied to-day to Judge Mitchell in the Mercer county court for pensions under the widow's pension act, which went into effect on July 4.

Many were granted, one was denied and several were laid over. Mrs. Verona Fazio of this city got the largest pension, \$50 a month. She has six children.

U. S. FEARS SERIOUS CRISIS IN VENEZUELA

Cruiser With Special Envoy
Aboard to Be Rushed to
La Guayra.

GOMEZ IS NOW DICTATOR

Washington Pessimistic Despite
Reassuring Reports Received From Caracas.

Order Disturbed, Says Pres. Gomez to 'The Sun'

The following message was received yesterday by THE SUN in reply to a telegram sent to President Gomez of Venezuela:

"Caracas, August 1.
"To the Editor of THE SUN:
"Your message received. Public order is disturbed, but the Government is supported by the entire nation."
"GOMEZ."

The following message was received last night from T. W. Voetter, the American Consul-General at La Guayra, Venezuela:

"To the Editor of THE SUN:
"There are absolutely no reports of damage to Americans or their property in Venezuela."
"VOETTER,
"American Consul-General."

Special Cable Dispatches to The Sun. CARACAS, Aug. 1.—The revolution started several days ago by adherents of Cipriano Castro, the deposed President of Venezuela, has reached a stage which has inspired the Government with fear of a general uprising against the Gomez Administration. This was indicated to-day when the Federal Council authorized President Gomez to assume dictatorial powers until the movement is crushed.

Gen. Gomez immediately sent a circular to the Governors of all the States informing them that the Castro faction is in armed rebellion and asking them for co-operation to quell the revolt.

The circular said that the Government is assisting the Government to crush the rebels.

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ROSE LAWYER MAY NOT GET JOB.

Protest Against Sullivan as Minister to Santo Domingo.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—The Rosenthal murder case has a new ramification. It may affect adversely the chances of James M. Sullivan, the New York lawyer, of becoming United States Minister to Santo Domingo.

Sullivan was nominated by President Wilson for this \$10,000 job a week or more ago. He served as counsel for Jack Rose, the gambler who confessed in the Becker case. It has been said that he had considerable to do in bringing about the confession.

Protests have been received by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, however, on the score of Sullivan's connection with this case. The Senate committee has been asked to study the record in that case and the matter has been referred to a sub-committee for investigation. Objection also has been made to Mr. Sullivan on other grounds.

Sullivan is said to have been one of Secretary Bryan's personal selections.

MRS. TWOMBLY FACES A SUIT BY MRS. ABNEY

Injunction Asked Against Use of Passageway to Vinland at Newport.

NEWPORT, Aug. 1.—Mrs. John R. Abney of New York City today filed in the Superior Court here to-day against Mrs. Hamilton McK. Twombly, also of New York, asking that Mrs. Twombly and her servants be enjoined perpetually from using a passageway leading to the Twombly estate here and from obstructing the way in any manner. The summer estate of Mrs. Twombly is on the line of the Long Neck road, and Mrs. Abney's estate is on the line of the Long Neck road.

Bits of early Newport history are contained in the bill, it going back as far as 1835, when the properties were a part of the Nicholas Taylor farm. The bill traces the ownership of the property down to the line of the Long Neck road, and Mrs. Twombly bought the property from Lewis Lorillard and Francis Hay Pendleton made a transfer to Mrs. Abney.

Mrs. Abney asserts that after Mr. Twombly purchased the estate he erected at the southeast corner near the Abney estate a stable in which he kept several horses, and that this stable stood in the line of the Long Neck road.

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MEARS MAY BEAT HIS OWN SCHEDULE

"Evening Sun" Globe Trotter
Likely to Reach U. S.
Ahead of Time.

TAKES YACHT TO SEATTLE

"Empress of Russia" Expected
at Victoria, B. C., Ten
Hours Before Due.

ABOARD EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, Aug. 1 (Wireless via Victoria, B. C.)—The run up to noon today was 450 miles. A heavy fog envelops the ship and we are now proceeding slowly. If it lifts we will arrive at quarantine by 2 o'clock in the morning.

"The high power yacht Maud S. is waiting for me at Victoria."

"H. W. Brodie, general passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific at Vancouver, sends me a wireless message that the quarantine doctor and immigration officer are agreeable to my immediate transfer from the Empress of Russia to the yacht Maud S. for the dash to Seattle."

MEARS.

Mears May Beat Schedule.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 1.—There is a possibility that John Henry Mears will start on the final dash across the continent ahead of the schedule which he set for himself when he left THE EVENING SUN office in New York on the early morning of July 7 for his record breaking trip around the world.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad's liner Empress of Russia is making the long run from Yokohama in eight and one-half days, and from messages received here late this afternoon she will reach Victoria ten hours before her scheduled time. If everything goes well during the last hours of the run she will have hung up a new record for the trans-Pacific voyage. Capt. Beetham sent a wireless message last night that he would be at quarantine by 2 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Empress of Russia, in an effort to board which Mears made a sensational dash down the Korean peninsula and across Japan, has been the chief factor in enabling THE EVENING SUN's special commissioner to break the record made by the intrepid Andre Jaeger-Schmidt two years ago. Canadian Pacific officials who have been watching the progress of the liner are jubilant in the expectation that she will do even better than they contemplated.

Mears himself is confident that he will be at quarantine by midnight to-night. Everything is prepared to facilitate his leaving the ship there. The Canadian Government immigration office has directed its representatives to waive an examination of the globe trotter's baggage, which consists of a suit case and a camera. Permission has also been granted to him to leave the ship at quarantine, meaning a saving of several hours.

The 700-ton power yacht Maud S., owned by Vincent Faden of the Seattle Yacht Club, arrived in Victoria harbor yesterday afternoon. She is a powerful boat, and everything aboard is in perfect condition for the part she is to play in Mears' task of catching a fast train from Seattle for Chicago. Her crew is now awaiting the wireless message from the Empress of Russia that is to be the signal for going out to the quarantine station off William Head.

Will Dash for Seattle.

Mears will be transferred to the yacht and she will then make a dash for Seattle, the ocean liner continuing on to this port.

The captain of the Maud S. says that with any luck at all he will make the run to Seattle in 6 hours and 20 minutes, clipping by several hours the usual time. The captain says there isn't any doubt in his mind that Mears will be in Seattle in time to catch the scheduled train for Chicago.

The Seattle correspondent of THE SUN is aboard the yacht and will return to Seattle with Mears.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 1.—There is widespread interest here in the record breaking trip of John Henry Mears. J. O. McMullen, the agent of the Northern Pacific Railroad here, was in communication by wireless with Mr. Mears to-day. He is advised that the Empress of Russia will be off quarantine by midnight to-night.

Mr. McMullen is prepared to render every assistance he can to Mears.

Mr. Mears will have choice of two fast trains over the Northern Pacific for Chicago. They make the run in twenty-two hours. One of them leaves Seattle at 8:45 to-morrow morning and is due to arrive in Chicago on Tuesday at noon. The second train will leave here at 7 o'clock to-morrow night and is due in Chicago at 9 o'clock on Tuesday night. If there is any chance of the globe trotter getting the first of these trains it will be held for him. And orders have been issued to clear the tracks as all last time may be made out between here and St. Paul.

Should he be too late he will be able to get the second train, which will also be held if necessary. The holding of the second train appears from dispatches from Victoria to-night to be a remote contingency. The indications are that Mears will be able to get the first train and to get it on schedule time.

Railroads at His Bidding.

W. F. Mershon, general agent of the Northern Pacific Railroad in this city, received a letter yesterday from A. M. Cleland, general passenger agent of the road at St. Paul, which said:

"I have been following with great interest THE EVENING SUN's account of Mears' progress from day to day. I have just wired McMullen [the Northern Pacific agent in Seattle] to keep in touch with Mears, to wire me the moment he hands and to render him every assistance possible."

Andre Jaeger-Schmidt, the Paris newspaper man, who holds the record for circling the globe, sent the following cable message to THE EVENING SUN yesterday:

"Kindly cable me the hour at which John Henry Mears arrives at Victoria, B. C. I am greatly interested in the success of my rival."

GRAVE FEAR FOR CHAUTAUQUA.

Affairs of State May Keep Bryan at His Regular Job.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Considerable anxiety prevails in Washington to-night for fear that the unsettled Mexican problem and the outbreak of Castro in Venezuela and the expected coming of another note from Japan may seriously interfere with Mr. Bryan's lecture tour, which was due to begin early next week.

Mr. Bryan has announced from day to day that he expected to leave Washington at the end of the week, but indicated that the day had not finally been set. It is not known whether he will feel in a position to tear himself away or not.

ASTOR APPRAISAL IS APPROVED.

New York Yacht Club Pays \$25 Tax on Smallest Legacy.

Surrogate Cochran approved yesterday the appraisal of the estate of Col. John Jacob Astor as already published and signed an order fixing the tax on the various legacies. The total tax to be paid under the court's order is \$3,316,922. The estate paid a preliminary tax of \$3,150,000, based on its estimate of the probable appraised value of the estate, and must now pay \$166,922 additional.

The tax on the larger legacies follows: William Vincent Astor, legacy \$4,853,539, tax \$2,741,855; John Jacob Astor, legacy \$2,917,872, tax \$1,600,295; Ava Alice Murd Astor, legacy \$4,551,758, tax \$1,777,579; Madeleine Talmage Force Astor, legacy \$7,673,896, tax \$2,290,455. The smallest tax is \$25 on a bequest of \$500 to the New York Yacht Club.

DEBUTANTES SWIM FAST RACE.

Minna Scott, Stevens and Dolan Go Three-quarter Mile at Newport.

NEWPORT, Aug. 1.—A match swimming race between three of the season's debutantes took place this morning from Bailey's Beach to Hazard's Beach, a distance of about three-quarters of a mile.

The contestants were Miss Minna Scott, Miss Elsie Stevens and Miss Rose B. Dolan. It is said that the young women made good time, but the winner was not announced. To-night the three danced in the Jack and Jill quadrille at Mrs. Fish's ball.

WON'T FLY AGAIN, SAYS REID.

Fall Into Sea Takes Away Aviator's Nerve.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 1.—Marshall Earl Reid, the youthful Philadelphia aviator who has the closest call in his two years of flying when his hydroplane plunged from a height of a hundred feet into Absecon Inlet yesterday afternoon, announced to-day that he was through with flying forever. He admits he was badly frightened during the drop into the water yesterday.

Mr. Reid said while seated on the veranda of the hotel where he is resting for a few days to recover from his injuries.

SMOKING ON CARS CUT DOWN.

Cruiser Pease Persuades Public Service Commission.

The Public Service Commission adopted an order yesterday which prohibits smoking on all street cars except the old fashioned open ones having running along the sides. The order stops all smoking on the modern open cars, you enter cars, where formerly a man might smoke on one of the four rear seats. The order also leaves one less seat open to smokers on the old fashioned cars.

The order, which takes effect immediately, followed a hearing held at the instance of Mr. Charles G. Pease. The anti-smoking enthusiast wanted smoking stopped at railroad stations, ferry houses and on railroad trains. The commission didn't go so far as that, however.

FIRST TRAIN IN NEW SUBWAY.

Centre Street Loop Opens To-day—Regular Service on Monday.

The first train on any line of the new subway system will be run to-day in the Centre street loop.

It will be a test train, for the B. R. T. won't be ready to take passengers on the new line until Monday, when regular operation starts.

The temporary equipment of the loop has been installed by the B. R. T. in four months.

ENGINE PILOT SCOOPS UP FOUR.

Carries Off Automobile Party After Wrecking the Machine.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 1.—Four persons were scooped up from an automobile by the pilot of a Burlington freight engine to-day and rode 400 feet in that precarious position without being killed. William Cassidy of this city, his wife and two small children were in the automobile. Cassidy misjudged the clearance of the freight train and attempted to cross the track in front of the engine. In his excitement he lost control of the machine and the motor was stalled. The party suffered severe bruises and cuts. The automobile was wrecked.

ROBERT T. LINCOLN NOW 70.

Entertains Friends and Relatives at Birthday Dinner.

MANCHESTER, Vt., Aug. 1.—Robert T. Lincoln entertained a number of friends and relatives at dinner this evening at Hillside on the occasion of his seventieth birthday.

The party included Horace G. Young and George H. Thatcher of Albany and Robert M. James of Philadelphia, who with Mr. Lincoln, comprise what is called here the "Lincoln foursome." Mr. Lincoln is hale and hearty and plays his round of golf every clear afternoon.

WESTON REACHES ST. PAUL.